delivery boys start smoking themselves and accidents do occur. This is a very weak link in the entire chain and we are trying to strengthen it. It is rule that inside the bottling plant whenever anybody is found smoking, he is immediately dismissed from service. This is a very serious offence. For the delivery boys also some such arrangement could be made: we are trying to look into this.

SHRI V. GOPALSAMY: Mr. Chairman, Sir, almost every day we read in the newspapers the tragedy of death of housewives due to explosion of gas cylinders. They look almost like bombs planted in the house. Last week three such accidents took place in Madras city alone. So, I would like to know from the Minister whether, whenever such accidents are reported, the Ministry institutes or orders an inquiry to go into the reasons of such accidents and to take steps to prevent such accidents.

SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH: I have already stated that accidents do occur because of leakages and the police takes cognizance of it. They are reported to us also. Hardly any case of burst of cylinder, as is alleged in the news report, has come to our notice.

Tender bid for HBJ pipeline

*3. SHRI SURESH KALMADI:

SHRI DHARAM CHANDER PRASHANT:

Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) what was the tender bid of the Franco-Japanese consortium Spie Capag-NKK which won the bid for the HBJ Pipeline Project;

(b) what is the schedule for the completion of the project; and

(c) whether Government had set up a committee to go into the issue of Aero-derivative turbine or industral gas turbine engines for the HBJ Pipeline project and whether this committee had submitted its report before the bid was announced?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI CHANDRA SHEKHAR SINGH): (a) The quoted price of the revised bid submitted by the constortium led by the Capag of France on 3rd April, 1986 was Rs. 760.48 crores.

(b) The project scheduled to be completed in all respects by July, 1989.

(c) No, Sir. The task force which evaluated the technical bids had gone into this issue. The recommendations of the task force was received and accepted before the award of the contract.

श्री रामानन्द यादव : मैं सरकार से यह जानना चाहता हूं कि यह नयी कंपनी को, जापान और फ्रांस की कंपनी को जो ठेका दिया गया है . . . .

MR. CHAIRMAN: Question Hour is over.

WRITTEN ANSWERS TO QUESTIONS

Mobile Telephone System

*4. SHRI R. SAMBASIVA RAO: Will the Minister of COMMUNICATIONS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have recently introduced a mobile telephone system in the Capital;

(b) if so, what are the details thereof;

(c) what is the number of private subscribers who have applied for the mobile telephones so far;

(d) what is the number of subscribers who have actually been provided mobile telephones so far; and

(e) by when the mobile telephones are likely to be provided to the remaining subscribers?

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*The question was actually asked on the floor of the House by Shri Suresh Kalmadi.